

TALBOT CASE DEVELOPMENTS BEGIN TO LOOK UNPLEASANT.

DEPOSED RECTOR ON TALBOT CASE

Doctor Irvine Tells of Disappointments and New Hopes.

DOES NOT ATTACK BISHOP.

Makes Public Letter to Prelate in Which He Claims to Have Done Right in Elliott Case.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—The Reverend Doctor Abraham N. W. Irvine, whose friends have lodged a new presentation against Bishop Elliott Talbot of the Central Pennsylvania Diocese, of no unbroken the former rector, contented today to tell of his old disappointments and new hopes.

"I am only willing to speak in a general way of the features of the case," said Doctor Irvine, "the first place, I wish it could be made plain that this presentation is not an attack by me upon Bishop Talbot, but that it is a presentation brought by the church to inquire into actions which bring the church into discredit."

"Bishop Talbot and I were always good friends until trouble arose over Mrs. Elliott. While I was rector at Huntington."

"Did Bishop Talbot visit Mrs. Elliott frequently?" Doctor Irvine was asked.

"He did, and they appeared to be close friends," was the reply. "Why, you know, purple is the Bishop's color, and Mrs. Elliott used to wear purple when the Bishop came to town. I do not like to dwell upon that part of the case, although from the circumstances it must be an important part."

"It is reported that it is based largely upon a letter written to the Reverend Mr. Upham, and that no word of the latter has yet been made public."

"I believe that is correct. Several Bishops were referred to in that letter, most of whom have repudiated the use of their names as references against me."

"When the wording of that letter becomes public the church will be surprised. In it I am charged with all sorts of things and some of the references will cause a sensation. Things have so far been smoothed."

"Bishop Talbot at one time asked himself, for an inquiry after the first committee, by a close vote had failed to present him, but he afterwards withdrew his request. About a year after he had been deposed I wrote to Bishop Talbot asking for reinstatement. Part of the letter read: 'You must certainly remember that I did my duty in reporting the case with my own hands to you. You certainly communicated her, in the words of the memorial to the General Convention against marrying divorced persons under any circumstances. Then, why should I make a compromise with the case of a divorced couple's wife? I asked you to remember that your present is a child and as such a child of Christ would do me. His priest, say, what he demands of you, his Bishop.'

"To this letter I have never received a reply. I have never lost hope, however, of being restored to my rightful place in the church. I hope the church will follow the new presentation, but I still ask the public to remember the presentation is not being brought by me out of revenge, but is simply the work of earnest churchmen, who, without question regarding me, but who have been done the church by the Bishop."

USE DYNAMITE AS TARGET.

Explosion Follows and a Boy Is Killed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Batavia, O., Dec. 26.—Arthur Hawthorth, 12 years of age, died from the effects of the explosion of a box of dynamite powder under peculiar circumstances.

Young Hawthorth, in company with two other boys, went hunting in the neighborhood of where the graders are at work on the Spring Traction Line. They noticed a box whose smooth side offered an inviting mark at which to shoot.

The boys measured off about fifteen steps, and Hawthorth, who carried a .22-caliber rifle, fired into the box without any thought as to its contents. There was an explosion that shook houses for miles around.

The box contained 50 pounds of giant blasting powder, for use in grading on this road.

The boy's father is Uriah Hawthorth, a prominent farmer, near here.

It Looks Good.

Oh, a possum fat.
Hanks from the limb,
And the world looks good
When I think of him.
And leaves fall down,
And a frost is nigh,
And the yellow corn
Is in season now,
And the pumpkin pie
Is in season now,
And the world
Looks good to me!

And mosquitoes they
Don't stab no more,
And no robbers any
On the sandy shore,
And they ain't a thing
That kin make my day—
Except my boy.
That ain't no boy,
Like I was and lovers
Are on the sea,
And the moonlight world
Looks good to me!

—Houston Post.

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SCANDAL CANNOT WELL BE AVERTED

Church Leaders Realize Unfavorable Stories Are to Be Told.

DR. MORGAN DIX WITHDRAWS.

Pleads Advanced Years as Excuse, but in Reality, It Is Said, Does Not Wish to Mix in Nasty Trial.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 26.—Among influential men of the Protestant Episcopal Church Bishops of averting the scandal caused by the sensational charges brought against Bishop Talbot of the diocese of Central Pennsylvania, is virtually dead.

The latest development in this amazing case is the withdrawal of the Reverend Doctor Morgan Dix from the Committee of Inquiry, appointed by Bishop Tuttle, the presiding head of the church.

The venerable rector of Trinity church, advanced years as a reason for his unwillingness to serve. But now in position to know the truth, as it is said, Doctor Dix's real reason is a firm conviction that the investigation of the Talbot charges will broaden into a scandal so unbecoming, and of such dimensions that he is determined to keep out of it.

The Presiding Bishop had selected Doctor Dix for the important post of chairman of the Committee of Inquiry, and the Reverend Doctor W. B. Bodine of Philadelphia will now serve in that capacity.

All this was quietly arranged this morning, and a private train carried the carefully guarded presentation from this city to Philadelphia. It was Doctor Dix who dispatched the document, and it was Doctor Bodine, the new chairman, who received it.

None of the churchmen who knew the contents of the presentation could be induced today to divulge its contents.

It is known, however, that the Philadelphia letter in which Bishop Talbot drops the names of some of the foremost of American clergymen into the affair, this morning, the presentation, signed by the presentment against Bishop Talbot, has been in full. It was addressed to the Reverend Doctor Upham, president of the Council of the diocese of the Catholic Church, and read:

THE LETTER.

"Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, Bishop's House, South Bethlehem, Pa. (Bishop's House, South Bethlehem, Pa.)

Dear Mr. Upham: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., in which you inform me that you have received from the Council of the diocese of the Catholic Church, a presentation against Bishop Talbot, and that you have been asked to forward it to me for my consideration.

I feel that you will pardon me if I venture to presume upon your kindness for you and confidence in me to write you about it.

It is first because I cannot afford to go into the yellow journals with Irvine and defend myself.

But it is such a plausible romance that I am not greatly surprised to learn that, in the utter absence of any proof, the yellow journals have been so far from the truth, as to make me think I am to blame.

"May I, therefore, say to you that this is a case of a man who has been accused of gross immorality, and for low and lascivious conduct with women."

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NEARLY 20,000 PERSONS ENJOYED DINNER PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC AT THE COLISEUM



Christmas Feast This Year Said to Have Been the Largest Ever Given—Waiters Kept Busy Six Hours.

The Christmas dinner given at the Coliseum yesterday by the generous people of St. Louis was one of the greatest ever given in the city. Funds for the feast were collected by the Post-Dispatch. The guests numbered nearly three thousand. The attendance of children was greater this year than ever before.

Long before the hour of the opening of the Coliseum doors the streets on all sides of the great building were crowded with an eager, happy, hungry throng. They were unmindful of the misting rain, children clung to their mothers' skirts and mothers with babies in their arms removed their coats and shawls and fathers took off their coats and wrapped them around their little ones.

They were a happy, jolly lot, and before they passed the vision of a great tree, laden with strange fruit and brilliant lights and wondrous gifts. And now and then, through a partly opened door, whiffs of turkey, roast beef and other savory cooking greeted their nostrils and whetted their appetites.

Exactly at seven the great doors of the Coliseum swung open and the throng of happy, eager guests swept the festive throng of their feet and took their places at the tables. The waiters were kept busy for six hours.

But, then, everyone was filled with genuine Christmas spirit and cheer, and everybody felt perfectly at home, because they were the guests of Santa Claus. The waiters were kept busy for six hours.

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SEVERE BLIZZARD SWEEPS OVER ALL WESTERN STATES



Heavy Rains, Accompanied by Unusually High Winds and Followed by Falling Temperatures, Going Below the Zero Mark at Many Places, Covers the Entire Country From Montana to the Coasts of Texas—Snow and Sleet in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Northern Texas—Train Schedules Greatly Disturbed—Cattle Are Not Affected.

Reports from all of the Western States tell of heavy rains, followed invariably by a severe storm, accompanied by drops in the temperature ranging from ten to forty degrees, indicate that a blizzard of unusual intensity is approaching from the Northwest.

The cold wave had its origin in the Northwestern States early yesterday morning. From Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas the area of high pressure has extended rapidly southward over the central slope of the Rocky Mountains.

Yesterday morning the temperature in the Northwestern States was ranging from 20 degrees below zero at Havre, Mont.

Through Southwestern Nebraska the cold wave spread on into Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas, and was accompanied at all points by high winds, heavy rains and a rapid decrease in temperature.

Reports from all sections of Kansas say that a severe storm is sweeping the State, the mercury ranging from zero to 10 degrees above, Oklahoma and Indian Territory tell of equally rapid falls of the mercury, and in Northern Texas the temperature dropped forty degrees between 2 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon and evening.

SOUTHERN TEXAS FLOODS. Southern Texas was swept by a flood, the greatest since the Galveston flood in 1900. Houston was flooded with water, and late in the evening the temperature began to fall, rapidly, indicating the approach of the blizzard which swept the northern part of the State.

Disasters in Oklahoma indicate that the blizzard was blowing a gale from the southwest, and the indications are that the temperature will fall rapidly throughout Missouri this morning.

Reports from the western parts of the State say that the mercury is dropping rapidly since the onset of the rain, which fell generally over the State and relieved the prevailing droughty conditions.

Northwestern Missouri was first touched by the blizzard, and snow began falling early in the evening. St. Joseph reports a heavy rainstorm, which turned into a blizzard after a downpour of twenty-four hours duration.

Train schedules have been greatly disturbed throughout Texas, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. Texas reports say that cattle will undoubtedly suffer greatly, while cattlemen in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma say that they are well prepared to withstand the sudden drop in temperature.

Telephone and telegraph lines have been considerably cut down, and the snow swept area, the fall of sleet and snow being unusually heavy in Kansas and Nebraska.

BLIZZARD AT ST. JOSEPH. St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 26.—A rainstorm, which has been blowing here for twenty-four hours, turned into a blizzard tonight. The temperature began falling rapidly, and the first severe storm of the year was experienced.

Snow began falling at 8 o'clock, but the precipitation was not great enough to seriously interfere with railroad or streetcar traffic.

COLD WAVE AT GOLDEN CITY. Golden City, Mo., Dec. 26.—A period of unusually warm weather was brought to a close this afternoon by a cold wave and a decided drop in the mercury. Christmas dinners were eaten here with the doors and windows open.

ADRIAN GETS NEEDED RAIN. Adrian, Mo., Dec. 26.—A much-needed rain has been falling to-day, breaking a drought of several months' duration.

THUNDERSTORM AT MARSHALL. Marshall, Mo., Dec. 26.—A genuine thunderstorm prevailed here this morning with heavy rain. Farmers are greatly relieved, because alfalfa and ponds have been dry for the past two months.

SOAKING RAIN AT MILAN. Milan, Mo., Dec. 26.—A four months' drought was broken here to-day by a slow, soaking rain.

FIERCE STORMS IN TEXAS. Snow Indications Throughout Northern Section.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 26.—There was a sud-

GET THEIR DRINKS AT BAYONET POINT



Seventy-Five Soldiers at Fort Totten Take Bar by Storm and Bartender Capitulates.

Fort Totten, S. D., Dec. 26.—With fixed bayonets on their rifles, soldiers stationed at Fort Totten charged a hotel conducted by Joseph Winters to-night. In an untold condition they took possession of the hotel, drove the patrons from the rear door and forced the bartender at the point of bayonets to give them drinks.

The soldiers broke away from the post at noon today. Captained by a daredevil private they fired bayonets and ordered the bartender to capitulate. The latter retired behind the bottles and glasses and served up drinks for the riotous soldiers.

Guests in the hotel to the number of fifty fled at the approach of the soldiers. The artillerymen took possession of the hotel, and in the rooms where hung the date of the soldiers from Manhattan they piled their guns and haversacks.

Mr. Winters, proprietor of the hotel, sent word by telephone to Captain Murray, commander at Fort Totten, who sent a company of guards to bring in the riotous soldiers.

A fight ensued, in which the plate glass in front of the hotel and behind the bar was smashed to fragments. Doors were thrown from the hinges in the attempt of the soldiers to break away from the captured hotel, and the place was left a wreck.

The disorderly soldiers were finally rounded up and sent to the fort, where they spent Christmas day in iron.

BURGERS FOILED BY DOG. Calls Master, Who Shoots at Disappearing Figures.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—Charles Combs, a butcher of No. 14 Main street, has a faithful watchdog which has twice frustrated the plans of burglars. Early in the morning it awakened Combs for the second time in a month, and the butcher, armed himself, crept out of a rear door and fired three shots at men who were trying to break into the place. One bullet, it is thought, wounded one of the men.

About 1 o'clock in the morning the men cut a hole in a side window of Combs's house, and the storm began to blow. The burglar made a dash for the door, but the dog barked and ran to the door of the house where Combs was sleeping. The dog barked and the scratcher of the dog's paws on his door awakened the man.

He heard the burglars taking out the glass, and, hastily dressing himself, he ran out the rear door of his house and stepped around to the side of the building. One of the men was just about to enter the window when Combs fired. At the first shot there was a cry of pain. Combs fired two more shots and the men ran.

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